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"The Great Stumbling Block."
AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE THE
YOUNG MEN'S CATHOLIC UNION BY MR.
DANIEL J. BRADY.

At the annual meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Union the newly elected officers were publicly installed by the rearing President, Mr. Daniel J. Brady. The ceremony opened with prayer by the Rev. J. M. Nardalio. Mr. M. J. O'Brien was elected chairman for the evening. Mr. Brady delivered the following address.

Mr. President: We are assembled here to-night to celebrate the anniversary of the incorporation of our union and to install as officers the gentlemen into whose keeping will be confided the destiny of our union for the coming year.

The purpose of having this assembly done publicly was to afford the elders of the Parish in general, and the parents of members in particular, an opportunity to witness the progress made by their sons, and also to thank you for the generous response with which you met our appeals for assistance in the past. It is not my purpose to enter into a discourse as to the benefits to be derived from being a member of this Union. Suffer it to say that we are banded together for the sole purpose of improving ourselves, our neighbors, and the community in which we live, and in doing this to make for our union a name that will be an honor to our Holy Mother, the Church, and a joy to our Pastor and our people.

How shall we do this. By inculcating the sound principle of cheerful obedience to all lawfully constituted authority.

The first claim upon our obedience comes from our infant mind is able to understand. In the drear of life the fond mother bids the toddling child to kneel at her knee and there he is induced with the first principle of obedience which is love.

The child grows up under the watchful eye of his parents, and as his mind becomes stronger he begins to feel with realizing or understanding that some evil influence is at work trying to lead him astray. This evil influence shows itself in many ways. A desire to stay from school or to hide from his parents while he smokes the cigarette that some thoughtless youth has given him; a desire to possess the golden fruit that lies just beyond the barbed wire fence, while the evil influence tells him the dog is chained and the owner is holding corn in another field or perhaps gone to market, and when the boy goes home the same influence is at work prompting him to lie to his parents as to how his clothes came so badly torn.

All those temptations, though small in themselves, are the symptoms by which we are able to discern the struggle which is going on within the youth. A struggle between the good and bad in his nature for the supremacy, and if that first lesson of love and obedience are not firmly implanted and nurtured by the parents with a pure and Christian training we find the youth on the threshold of manhood with his evil genius predominating over that will power which in after years makes or mars his life. The same influence is at work after he reaches man's estate, but in a more subtle and dangerous form, for the golden fruit that tempted the boy is distilled into another form to tempt the man. The knowledge that it was concealed amidst the rottenness of fermentation and lying in old clammy barrels; the knowledge that its excessive use will place raps upon the person and bring hunger, sickness, and eventually death within the home circle; the knowledge that it will kill every sentiment of manly principle within the human breast seems to have no deterring effect upon the individual who styles himself the moderate drinker.

I believe and assert without fear of contradiction that the greatest stumbling block in the road to success for young men is the saloon. Let a young man apply for a position and the first inquiry is, does he frequent the saloon. The knowledge that he does will kill his chances of getting the place as quickly as the frosts of winter kill the tender plant.

Years ago it was an uncommon sight to see men who in the highest counsels in the nation desecrate themselves and the honorable position they held by appearing in a semi intoxicated condition, with the traces of a night's debauch indelibly imprinted upon their emaciated faces. But to-day it is different. Public sentiment in relation to intoxicants is changed. The man who holds a position of honor and trust to-day would not dare to commit the same offense against public decency, for he knows that it would relegate him to oblivion.

Thousands upon thousands of dollars have been spent in printing and circulating statistics showing the ravages made by drink; lectures by the hundred thousand have been delivered by eloquent speakers, with the result that even the hardened drinker is convinced that he is doing wrong—convinced but not reformed; for the man who will listen to your arguments against drink, and will agree with all you say, and even promise to stop drinking, and then go and get drunk—that man is not reformed up to our standard of the necessities of the case.

Something has been gained in convincing the understanding of men, it is true, but how shall that conviction be made to act on the conduct of men. The dangers that the child encounters is counteracted by the watchful care of the parents; the dangers that threaten the boy is counteracted by a pure and Christian training, and the Church which has been the founder of Christian civilization and its guiding star for nineteen centuries has through its representative, our reverend pastor, furnished us with means to counteract the dangers that threaten the young men. In organizing this union he

has provided us with the means by which we may make our young men grow up useful and not merely ornamental members of society. We have a fine building to meet in, a gymnasium to exercise in, musical instruments with which to cultivate our finer tastes, plenty of good books to read, and every opportunity to improve ourselves, the greatest possible freedom for the actions and opinions of members, only exacting neatness in dress, purity in conversation, and a respectful bearing in the room and in the street. The object which we seek to obtain is not, after all, good doctrine so much as it is good works. We must make our actions emphasize what we profess and if we do this, rest assured the day is not far distant when we shall have every eligible young man in Bloomfield with us, seeking to attain that moral and intellectual worth which is the true standard of manhood.

To-night I retire from the office of President and before doing so I tender my sincere thanks to my fellow members for the many acts of kindness shown me during my term of office. I also thank our Rev. Pastor for the kindly assistance given me whenever I sought his good counsel and advice. I also thank you, my fellow officers for the assistance given me in managing the affairs of the Union, and tender my best wishes to the new board of officers.

Paying Township Committee.
Certain members of the East Orange Township Committee have boasted of their ability to make fair pecuniary profit from the office. The economic policy pursued in this town by which a town committeeeman's stipend amounts to very little over sixty dollars per annum, has frequently been made a butt of ridicule by East Orange officials.

The East Orange method of making it pay, is explained as follows by a resident of that town:

The members of the Committee get paid for Sub-Committee meetings on the same basis as regular meetings, and a member may be on three or four Sub-Committees that contrive to hold meetings all on the same evening, by which device he makes about eight dollars in one night. There is nothing wrong in the plan, but still it is very foolish to boast about it. The members of the Committee who have in it for revenue only, have apparently talked too much, and a bill has been introduced into the Legislature to block their little game. The bill introduced by Assemblyman Snyder, of the Tenth District, last week, provides that in townships of twelve thousand population or more, no Township Committeeeman shall receive compensation for his services, under penalty of removal, nor shall he sell any goods, execute any contract or perform any service entitling him to compensation, nor shall any member vote to pay out money on any such contract, under pain of removal; and all such contracts shall be null and void so far as the township is concerned. This is a slap at East Orange, as the law is so drawn as to apply solely to that township and yet overcome the constitutional provision against special legislation.

Political Notes.

The office of Township Clerk, to which a salary of \$400 per annum is attached, will not go begging for candidates. In addition to Mr. William L. Johnson, who is making an active canvass with promising results, several other names are mentioned in connection with the office. A well known Second Ward man is working in the interest of Mr. William A. Baldwin. He says that Mr. Baldwin is not a candidate after the fashion of politics but if the nomination is tendered he will probably accept it. Mr. Harry Osborn of the National Bank is also mentioned as an available candidate for the position. Mr. Osborn will accept the nomination from the Republicans. He is an active member of the Young Men's Republican Club. Mr. Howard B. Davis is highly recommended as an excellent candidate by a number of people.

John Lawrence is very favorably talked of as the Republican candidate for Town Committeeeman at Large.

The question is not yet settled whether David G. Garrabrant, E. D. Ackerman, or Charles L. Selbert will be the Republican nominees from the First Ward.

John Blakier is talked of as the Republican nominee from the Second Ward.

The Second Ward still holds fort for William Colfax for Town Committeeeman at Large.

Ex-Committeeeman Dailey's contemplated removal from the town leaves the Watsessing Republicans in a dilemma.

The Democrats are much on the question of local politics.

William Blaggart is spoken of as the possible Republican nominee for Committeeeman from the Third Ward.

Royal Arcanum.

Grand Regent Charles E. McDowell and Staff of Grand Council Royal Arcanum conducted the public installation of officers of Bloomfield Council on Tuesday night. The exercise took place in Christ Church Guild Hall.

Regent, J. Howard Hardcastle; Vice Regent, John A. Oakes; Orator, Joseph M. Williams; Past Regent, J. Banks Reed; Secretary, Wm. R. Moir; Collector, Geo. M. Wood; Treasurer, Dr. S. C. Hamilton; Chaplain, Alexander Steel; Guide, Wm. Krenich; Warden, W. C. Eyland; Soutry, Ed. P. Johnson; Medical Examiner, Wm. H. White, M. D.; Trustees, Wm. L. Lewis, Ed. D. Ackerman, Geo. A. Zabriskie.

An entertainment followed the installation. Mr. Frank G. Tower delivered an address giving a historical sketch of Bloomfield Council from its starting down to the present time.

Literature.

Provided a sufficient number of subscriptions are obtained, Miss Emily B. Ells, will give a course of lectures on "American Literature," at Miss Northall's school, commencing Feb. 11th, at 3.30 P. M. Tickets for the course, \$2.00, single tickets, 75¢. Miss Northall may be addressed for further particulars.

Articles to grace the table are sought for now, with more satisfaction than at the showrooms of "Dorothy's American Cafe," 36 Murray St., New York.

Poppy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co., 42 Park Place, N. Y.

The Outlet Sewer.

Town Committeeman Charles H. Halfpenny has attended two meetings of the Orange Sewer Committee during the week, as representative of this town. It being a part of the agreement that both this town and Montclair are privileged to have representatives at all meetings where matters effecting the outlet sewer age to be considered. There is a rumor of a project to make some changes in the route of the sewer at its termination at the Passaic. The present plan contemplates running sewage into the Passaic within the limits of Belleville township.

The Belleville opposition has proved formidable, that it has been deemed prudent to look elsewhere for an outlet. The matter is now in the hands of the engineers. The outlet will probably be located further south, which would be more convenient. Issues of the New Jersey City newspaper, "The Citizen," note an increased demand for Bibles. The Presbyterian Theological Controversy is said to have given a stimulus to Bible reading.

Washington's Birthday will be celebrated with an entertainment in the Watsessing M. E. Church.

The fair under the auspices of Watsessing division Sons of Temperance will open in the Orange Sewer Committee during the week.

Officer James Foster killed a mad dog last Saturday. It belonged to John G. and was bitten by another dog about three weeks ago.

George Wilde has got a new sign of such dimensions that "he who runs may read."

Watsessing and East Orange.

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Mr. Ralph Gildersleeve of Willow Street has leased a house on Summer Avenue, Newark, and will move there shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ellor, who have both had a serious attack of illness, are convalescing.

Mrs. George Peene and daughter of Youkers, New York, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Law last week.

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